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HOMARI AOKI: Thank you for joining this recording on the Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grant. This video will cover registration and pre-application requirements. If this is your first time applying for a federal grant, or your first time using FedConnect, there are several one-time actions that must be completed before submitting an application. If you have already completed these steps before, then you would not need to do these action items again.

This includes registering for the System for Award Management, also known as SAM, obtaining a Unique Entity Identifier, or UEI, and registering for FedConnect. The first action would be to register for SAM, the System for Award Management. This step must occur before submitting an application. The first step would be to designate an Electronic Business Point of Contact or EBiz POC and then obtain a special password that's known as the MPIN.

If the applicant already has an active SAM.gov registration, then this step does not need to be

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completed. It is important to maintain an active registration with current information when you have an active federal award, or an application is under consideration. The next step is to obtain a Unique Entity Identifier, or UEI. The UEI comes from the SAM. If you have applied for a grant in the past, the UEI replaces the DUNS number.

This UEI can be found in the Entity Registration Record in SAM. Subawardees and sub-recipients must also obtain a UEI from SAM and provide this information to the award recipient before a subaward can be issued. If the applicant already has a UEI, then this step does not need to be completed. The same UEI can be used for this formula grant. Once those two action items are completed, then it will now be time to go to FedConnect.

Applicants must register with FedConnect, if this has not already been done. FedConnect can be used to submit the applications, as well as submit questions and receive the resulting grant award. Indian Tribes can

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also submit questions to the
GDOTribalAssistance.hq.doe.gov email if this is
preferred. There is a guide to FedConnect_Ready_Set_Go
that provides step by step instruction on how to
register for the grant. There's also a support email
for FedConnect. If you have issues with FedConnect,
please email support@fedconnect.net, or call 1-800-899-
6665 and click on option 2. This concludes the section
on registration and pre-application requirements. The
next video you will see will be on preparing the forms.

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